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The State Bar of California

With less than five weeks to go before the July 25–26 Bar Exam, here's what you need to know to make sure you're ready for exam day. We'll be sending you these countdown emails weekly until the exam.

Key Dates and Deadlines

June 27: First day that [admittance tickets](#) are available

June 27: First day laptop users may download and take the **mandatory** mock exam

July 3: Deadline to appeal the outcome of a testing accommodations petition

July 21: Deadline for laptop users to complete the mandatory mock exam and download exam files

July 27 (12:00 p.m. Pacific Time): Deadline for laptop users to upload answer files

[More Bar Exam Dates and Deadlines](#)

Get Your Laptop Ready

Beginning June 27, once the State Bar has verified your eligibility to sit for the exam, your Admittance Ticket will be available in the Applicant Portal. Shortly after, approved applicants using laptops will receive an email from ExamSoft with instructions for downloading the exam software and taking the **mandatory** mock exam by July 21.

- Ensure your laptop meets the [minimum system requirements](#) outlined by exam software provider ExamSoft.
- Learn more about [using laptops](#) for the July 2023 bar exam, so you will be ready when the software becomes available for download after June 27.
- Review [instructional videos and guides](#) on taking the mock exam.

Take Advantage of Discounted Hotel Rates

Planning to stay overnight when you take the bar exam? Many [hotels are offering special rates](#). Please pay attention to when the courtesy rates expire at each hotel. When registering, request the group rate for the State Bar of California exam.

Read the Admittance Ticket Bulletin

All bar exam test takers should carefully read the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#) before the exam. We have also compiled a [list of frequently asked questions](#) about the July 2023 Bar Exam. Consult the FAQ for common questions about in-person exam logistics, refunds, health, and safety (masks are optional, but those with symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test should not attend) and making sure you receive important communications from the State Bar and ExamSoft.

Lawyer Assistance Program Offers Free Resources

You are eligible for **free**, confidential services from the State Bar's Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP). The LAP can assist you with career issues, stress, relationship challenges, grief, burnout, anxiety, substance use problems, and other mental health issues. Some of the services available are:

- Two short-term counseling sessions with a career counselor; and
- Two individual counseling sessions with a local therapist who specializes in working with legal professionals.

Additional services, such as LAP's weekly support group, are available for a monthly fee.

For more information on the services, please complete the [request form](#).

The LAP will also schedule **free** presentations to your law school, student association, or other law-related groups on dealing with mental health and substance use issues in the legal profession. To schedule a presentation, complete the [speaker request form](#).

Find more information on the [State Bar website](#).

A banner for the Lawyer Assistance Program. The left side has a teal background with white text: "Lawyer Assistance Program", "Struggling with mental health or substance use issues?", "We are here to help!", and contact information: "lap.calbar.ca.gov", "lap@calbar.ca.gov", and "877-LAP-4HELP". The right side features a photograph of a hand holding a glowing orb over a city skyline at sunset, with the State Bar of California logo and name at the bottom right.

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